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# Biology professor Dongyu Jia, Ph.D., recognized for research contributions

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Dongyu Jia, Ph.D., assistant professor of biology, has been named a Notable Nole for 2017 for his outstanding research in cellular biology which he will continue at Georgia Southern University.

The Notable Nole awards (formerly the Thirty Under 30 awards) of the Florida State University Alumni Association recognizes alumni with “exceptional achievements and significant contributions to his or her profession, community/society or the university.”

Jia was recognized for research that seeks to understand how signaling among cells controls proper organismal development. In particular, he studies how errors in signaling pathways can lead to developmental defects, including cancer. His work has significance for cancer screening and precision therapies.

“It is a great honor for me to be recognized as a Notable Nole, and it inspires me to work even harder at Georgia Southern University to better contribute to science, teaching and our community,” said Jia.

Jia completed his doctoral work at Florida State University and post-doctoral study at Cedar Sinai Medical Center before coming to Georgia Southern in July. He is also an adjunct professor at Chongqing University (Chongqing, China).

“Dr. Jia has received this award based on the impact of his research and especially the potential of his future research,” said Stephen Vives, Ph.D., department chair & professor of biology. “He is currently setting up his laboratory to continue his research program. We are very proud to have Dr. Jia join the Georgia Southern Faculty.”

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